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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR-16-23-BU-DLC-02

VS.

Plaintiff,

MICHAEL JAMES MASON,

Defendant.

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE CHANGE OF PLEA HEARING

Comes now Defendant, by and through counsel, and moves to continue the change of plea hearing in this matter, currently set for April 12, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

The basis for this request is Mr. Mason has a personal commitment of the utmost importance on April 12, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., and he absolutely cannot miss it. This personal commitment is a previously scheduled

treatment team meeting at Shodair Children's Hospital for Mr. Mason's

minor son. This treatment meeting involves six of the minor child's

providers including doctors, psychiatrists, therapists, and teachers. The

purpose of this meeting is to plan for an overnight visit for the minor child at

the family residence and the treatment team is requesting all family members

who live in the residence attend. After the treatment team meeting, Mr.

Mason and his family are hopeful the minor child will be allowed to have an

overnight visit with his family that night.

Mr. Mason's child has serious mental health issues and has not been

able to visit the family home since October. An overnight visit for the minor

child would be a significant step toward reunifying the family to meet the

end goal of returning the minor child to the residence full time.

Counsel for the United States has been contacted and does not oppose

this motion.

The undersigned is available to be in Missoula on April 24, 2017, or

April 25, 2017.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2017.

/s/ Ashley Harada

Ashley Harada

Attorney for Defendant

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I hereby certify that on April 12, 2017, a copy of the foregoing document
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